



# Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Corn harvest picked up in central and southern Illinois last week. Statewide, precipitation averaged 1.23 inches, 0.40 inches above normal. The average temperature was 68.1 degrees, 2.6 degrees above normal. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 20. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Corn mature reached 78 percent, compared to 53 percent last year and the 5-year average of 69 percent. Corn harvest was 13 percent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 22 percent. Corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Soybeans coloring was at 80 percent, a jump of 18 percentage points from last week. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 54 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 47 percent. Soybean harvest was 3 percent complete, compared to 4 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Sorghum mature was at 52 percent, an increase of 16 percentage points from last week. Pasture and range condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending September 20, 2015

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest .....	4.4	-	12	73	15	1	12	76	11
Northeast .....	4.7	-	1	95	4	-	8	85	7
West .....	5.4	-	42	58	-	7	40	53	-
Central .....	4.4	1	12	71	16	-	13	82	5
East .....	5.2	-	3	85	12	1	8	90	1
West Southwest .....	5.7	2	14	80	4	1	29	68	2
East Southeast .....	6.2	6	23	66	5	6	24	64	6
Southwest .....	5.9	1	16	69	14	1	14	75	10
Southeast .....	6.7	8	26	57	9	8	19	61	12
Illinois .....	5.3	2	16	73	9	3	18	73	6

- Represents zero.

## Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	September 20, 2015	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature .....	78	61	53	69
Corn harvested .....	13	6	5	22
Soybeans turning color .....	80	62	76	77
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	54	32	41	47
Soybeans harvested .....	3	(NA)	(NA)	4
Sorghum headed .....	96	94	100	100
Sorghum turning color .....	87	84	87	92
Sorghum mature .....	52	36	45	61
Sorghum harvested .....	6	1	3	10
Winter wheat planted .....	3	(NA)	1	2
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	93	90	95	94

(NA) Not available.

## Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending September 20, 2015

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	5	11	30	42	12
Soybeans .....	5	12	29	45	9
Sorghum .....	2	8	45	38	7
Pasture .....	2	9	35	45	9

## Crop Progress by District: Week Ending September 20, 2015

Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature .....	65	55	91	88	71	91	87	75	78
Corn harvested .....	3	2	13	25	7	25	12	21	21
Soybeans turning color .....	86	83	90	88	75	77	90	57	70
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	52	56	57	68	55	42	70	28	41
Soybeans harvested .....	2	1	2	3	4	4	5	-	5

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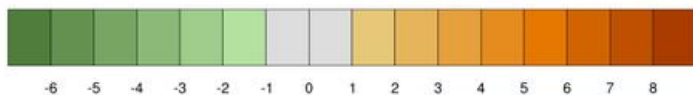
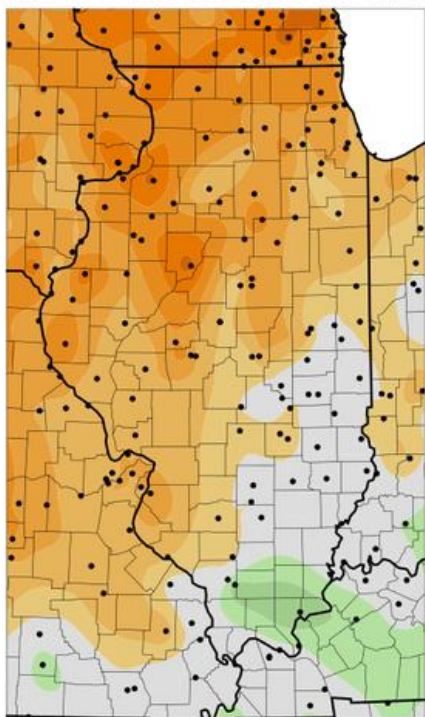
## Weather Information: Week Ending September 20, 2015

District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest .....	67.5	4.8	2.83	1.97	2,660	-8
Northeast .....	66.8	3.5	2.39	1.52	2,643	7
West .....	69.2	4.0	0.98	0.02	2,965	39
Central .....	68.7	3.5	1.69	0.80	2,939	75
East .....	67.1	1.9	2.06	1.28	2,884	62
West Southwest .....	69.1	2.6	0.35	-0.44	3,110	85
East Southeast .....	67.6	0.5	0.35	-0.37	3,120	73
Southwest .....	68.9	1.2	0.07	-0.82	3,290	141
Southeast .....	68.7	0.5	0.04	-0.82	3,320	136
Illinois .....	68.1	2.6	1.23	0.40	2,978	64

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

### Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

September 14, 2015 to September 20, 2015

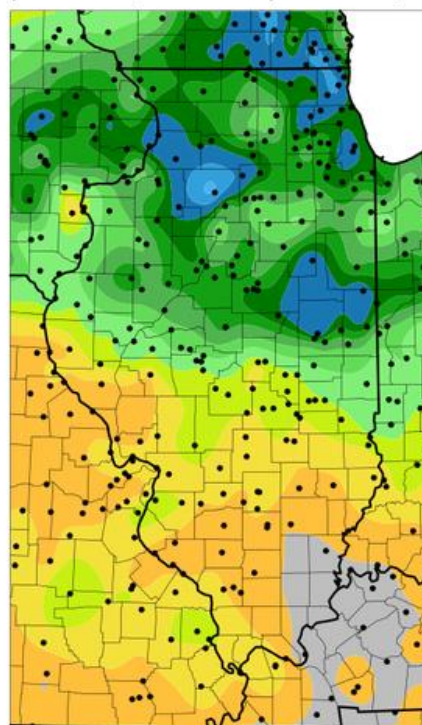


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### Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 14, 2015 to September 20, 2015



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